



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Pathak et al.

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Examiner: Mohamed, A.

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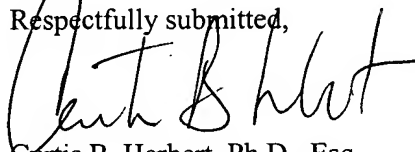
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of two (2) months (from March 24, 2005 to May 24, 2005) within which to respond to the Notice of Appeal dated March 24, 2005 is requested. A check in the amount of \$620.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the RCE filing fee and two-month extension of time. Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,


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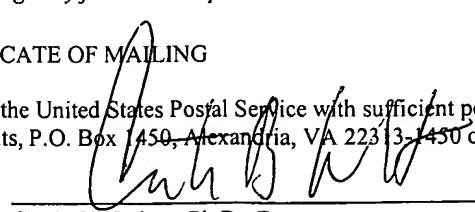
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